



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Health & Family Support**

Date: September 12, 2012

To: PUBLIC SAFETY, CIVIL RIGHTS & HEALTH COMMITTEE

Subject: CORPORATE WORKSITE CLINICS INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATION
AGREEMENT WITH THE MINNESOTA VISITING NURSE AGENCY

Recommendation:

Council authorization for the proper city officials to enter into a five year agreement with the Minnesota Visiting Nurse Agency for the provision of annual influenza immunization clinics for city employees and their families, and to execute any non-monetary amendments developed to facilitate day-to-day and year-to-year execution of the goals of the Agreement.

Previous Directives: None

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Approved by:

Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ____ Not Applicable X
Policy Review Group (PRG) Approval ____ Date of Approval ____ Not Applicable X

Presenters in Committee: Gretchen Musicant, Commissioner of Health

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

X No financial impact (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information).

Background/Supporting Information Attached

The department is requesting to enter into a five year agreement with the Minnesota Visiting Nurse Agency (MVNA) for the provision of corporate worksite clinics for influenza vaccinations for city employees and their families. MVNA has provided these services for the city for many years, and for 2012 will provide 19 clinics at 14 locations (including the Park Board and MPHA). Flu vaccination is fully covered by the city's health insurance plan, and MVNA directly bills the insurance company for these services. Those without city or other insurance coverage can pay for vaccination at the amount set annually by MVNA. MVNA also has the capacity to provide other immunizations as requested by the city and covered by city health insurance as a preventive service (pertussis/whooping cough vaccine will be requested for 2012 due to high levels of pertussis in the community).

While other organizations also offer corporate flu vaccinations, MVNA has been the city's traditional provider both because of a long history of being the city's public health nursing service provider, and because they are a non-profit organization committed to using flu clinic proceeds to support their services for more low income, uninsured and at-risk families.